

**HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS**  
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By deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 37-5-213. (a) The commissioner shall institute within the youth development centers an independent living program for children between sixteen (16) and nineteen (19) years of age to better facilitate the transition of such children from the youth development center to independent living and gainful employment. Such program shall include, but not be limited to, the following training and development opportunities:

(1) Developing the necessary job skills needed to seek and maintain gainful employment in today's job market;

(2) Courses in adult basic education, job readiness, human relations and business communications;

(3) Courses to prepare for the GED;

(4) Preparation for participation in a Job Corps program;

(5) Preparation for enlistment in the United States armed forces;

(6) Such psychological and psychiatric diagnosis and evaluation services and short-term treatment for each child as determined to be needed in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner. Such short-term treatment shall be limited to no more than six (6) months duration after treatment is initiated, except that the commissioner may authorize such treatment

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for individual children beyond this limitation if the commissioner deems it appropriate; and

(7) Obtaining for each such child current personal records as follows:

- (A) State identification card;
- (B) Birth certificate;
- (C) Social Security Card; and
- (D) Voter registration card.

(b) The commissioner shall also institute a program to track the progress toward independent living and provide positive reinforcement to children completing the independent living program in order to minimize the recidivism rate for such children.

(c) The commissioner shall provide a composite report annually to the select committee on children and youth regarding the youth development centers' independent living programs and status of children completing the programs.

(d) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act compiled at Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.